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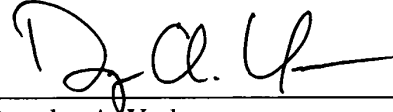
Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed April 7, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Species A of Figures 17-19. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9, 11-15, and 21-24 read on the elected species. Applicants further respectfully submit that claims 1-4, and 8 are generic as to the election. More particularly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 8 read on Species A of Figures 17-19 and Species B of Figure 20.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below
should any questions or comments arise during course of consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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